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FOREIGN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARD PROGRAM (JUNE 11, 2002 BOARD AGENDA, ITEM NO. 7) – ANNUAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Board Policy No. 3.050, this is to provide your Board with an annual review of the Foreign Consulate Identification Card Program.

BACKGROUND

The Program was established to allow County departments to accept a foreign consulate identification card (FCIC) as a form of valid identification. An FCIC is used only for identification purposes. It is not considered proof of legal residence nor does it extend any benefits to the holder which would require legal residency.

On June 11, 2002, your Board authorized the County of Los Angeles to accept the Matricula Consular, an FCIC issued by the Consulate of Mexico, as a form of identification. The FCIC for the Consulate of Argentina was accepted into the Program on August 1, 2003, and the FCIC for the Consulate of Korea was accepted into the Program on May 19, 2006. The Chief Executive Office was delegated authority to approve acceptance of a consulate's FCIC upon notification to your Board if the FCIC meets the criteria as set forth in the Policy.

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ANNUAL REVIEW

All County departments were surveyed to determine which departments were presented with FCICs in the course of their operations. The number of departments that have been presented with FCICs increased slightly in 2010 to 16, from 15 departments in 2009.

The attached provides information on the services obtained by FCIC holders, the frequency with which they were presented and any operational issues reported by the departments presented with one or more of the eligible FCICs.

The following are highlights from the departments' responses:

- **Animal Care and Control** – FCICs were presented for animal adoptions, impounds, redemptions, license sales and renewals, and proof of animal ownership or for writing checks.
- **Assessor** – FCICs were presented in request for property information.
- **Child Support Services** – FCICs were presented for identification in case closures, mistaken identity, interviews, service of Summons and Complaint, Establishment and Enforcement, and signing affidavits or declarations; more than 3,000 Mexican FCICs and approximately 10 Argentine FCICs were presented, with no estimate of Korean FCICs as they were rarely presented, as well as six FCICs from El Salvador and two from Guatemala.
- **Children and Family Services** – FCICs from Mexico, Argentina and Korea were presented for Live Scan; some problems with expired and altered FCICs were reported and it was suggested that County acceptance of FCICs be extended to other countries in addition to Mexico, Argentina and Korea.
- **Community and Senior Services** – FCICs from Mexico were presented mostly for emergency food assistance, food pantry pick-ups, Senior Nutrition Program registration, clinic registration and VITA income tax services.
- **Community Development Commission/Housing Authority** – FCICs were presented for eligibility in Public Housing, Section 8 and social service programs.
- **Coroner** – FCICs were presented for identification of decedents, legal next of kin, family members and witnesses, and during death notifications to family members; FCICs from Guatemala were also presented.

- **Health Services** – FCICs were presented for Live Scan. In 2010 they were also presented for identification, financial screening and numerous other reasons at various LA County Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Centers (MACCs), Comprehensive Health Centers, LAC+USC Hospital and other County health care centers.
- **Mental Health** – FCICs were presented as a form of identification during Patient Financial Information form assessments, and to determine benefits/resources prior to receiving mental health services; a few clinics reported difficulty in determining FCIC authenticity.
- **Natural History Museum** – FCICs were presented in conjunction with gaining admittance into the Natural History Museum and the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits.
- **Parks and Recreation** – FCICs were presented by community service volunteers and for soccer leagues. They are not accepted for Live Scan.
- **Probation** – FCICs were presented for visiting and release of detained minors, adult intake, supervision and investigation processes.
- **Public Library** – FCICs were presented to obtain a library card, with 1,323 cards issued to Mexican FCIC users, 4 cards to Argentine FCIC users, and 12 to Korean FCIC users.
- **Public Social Services** – FCICs were presented when applying for CalWORKs/Refugee, General Relief, Food Stamps and Medi-Cal benefits.
- **Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk** – FCICs were presented for issuance of marriage licenses and check acceptance; an average of 15 to 20 FCICs per day were presented.
- **Sheriff** – At Men's Central Jail, FCICs were presented as proof of identity for the release of property, citation or booking process, and the visitation of inmates. Some problems with determining FCIC validity.
- **Treasurer-Tax Collector** – FCICs were presented for bidder registration for public auctions of tax-defaulted property and immigration clearance letters.

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The following departments reported they were not presented with any of the eligible FCICs in 2011: Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, Alternate Public Defender, Auditor-Controller, Beaches and Harbors, Board of Supervisors Executive Office, Chief Executive Office, Chief Information Office, Consumer Affairs, County Counsel, District Attorney, Fire, Human Resources, Internal Services, Military and Veterans Affairs, Museum of Art, Public Defender, Public Works and Regional Planning.

Based on the operational issues identified by departments, this Office will continue to work with the consulates to strengthen the FCIC Program. Also, given the number of departments that have indicated an interest in refresher training, we will be working with the affected consulates to coordinate this training.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please have your staff contact Ryan Alsop at 213-974-1100 (ralsop@ceo.lacounty.gov) or Lourdes Saab at 213-974-1307 (lsaab@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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FOREIGN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARD – ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS 2011-2012

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DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED FCICS AS A FORM OF PHOTO ID?			IF SO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH WHAT SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES WERE FCICS PRESENTED?	IF YOUR DEPT HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH FCICS, DOES YOUR DEPT. HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT OF USE?	PROBLEMS WITH ACCEPTING FCICS AS VALID PHOTO ID?				ANY SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE POLICY?	DOES YOUR DEPT. NEED TRAINING?	
	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	S. KOREA			MEXICO	ARGENTINA	S. KOREA	NONE		YES	NO
Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Alternate Defender				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Animal Care & Control	X		X	Animal Adoptions, impounds, redemptions, license sales and renewals. Also, to write checks or show proof of animal ownership.	Mexican IDs approximately 20% of total transactions at Baldwin Park and Downey Shelters, and approximately 60 transactions per year at the Carson Shelter. Korean IDs less than 10 transactions per year for all shelters.				X	A poster or flyer with all the acceptable legal forms and types of foreign identifications would be very helpful.	X	
Assessor	X			All presented in requests for property information.	Mexican IDs – 4 in 2010 Argentine IDs – 1 in 2010				X	No	X	
Auditor-Controller				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Beaches and Harbors				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Board of Supervisors Executive Office				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Chief Executive Office				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Chief Information Office				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Child Support Services	X			FCICs were presented for ID in case closures, mistaken identity, interviews, service of Summons and Complaint, Establishment and Enforcement, and signing affidavits or declarations.	Usage varied within divisions department wide. We have recorded in excess of 3,000 Mexican FCICs presented and approximately 10 Argentine. We have no true estimate of Korean FCICs as they were rarely presented.				X	Some personnel have expressed concern with the validity of some cards. Our department has also been presented with FCICs from El Salvador (6) and Guatemalan FCICs (2) during the year.	X	

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	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	S. KOREA			MEXICO	ARGENTINA	S. KOREA	NONE		YES	NO
Children and Family Services	X	X	X	Mostly for Live Scan, presented by prospective relative care providers for placement or ASFA clearances. Some presented to Emergency Response staff by children's parents or relatives. Also presented for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status filings, Adoption Home Studies, and Independent Living Program.	In 2010 FCICs were used 1660 times for Live Scan purposes. We expect this number will be greater in 2011, as the number of caseloads and detentions have increased.	X	X	X		Valid foreign passport is also a form of identification and should be accepted in lieu of an FCIC. The use of FCIC should be extended to members of other countries in addition to Mexico, Argentina and Korea.	X	
Community and Senior Services	X			Utility and Emergency Food Assistance; Food Pantry pick-ups; Senior Nutrition program registration; Clinic registration; VITA income tax services; Processing applicants for program eligibility	About 231.				X	Human Relations believes it's a useful policy.	X	
Community Development Commission/Housing Authority	X				Public Housing Program – 10 applicants; Section 8 Housing – 60 applicants; Social Service Programs – 161 applicants				X	No	X	
Consumer Affairs				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Coroner	X			Identification of decedents, legal next of kin, family members and witnesses, and during death notifications to family members.	Estimated +/- 75				X	While the card is not often used as the sole source of identification, it is used as a starting point as decedent identifications are often confirmed through the use of fingerprints..		X
County Counsel				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
District Attorney				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Fire				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Health Services – Payroll and Personnel	X			Live Scan process	About 5 have been presented.				X	ValleyCare San Fernando H.C. would like training for new hires	X	
Health Services – Finance-Revenue Management	X	X	X	Used in numerous hospitals, Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Centers, clinics, and for numerous other program application and verification processes.	Harbor-UCLA estimates 50% of Hispanic population used FCICs; Rancho Los Amigos says about 32% of inpatient admissions use FCICs.				X	HHH Health Center wants to know if they can get approval for FCICs from other countries.	X	

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Human Resources				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Internal Services				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Mental Health	X			FCICs were presented as a form of identification during the assessment to complete Patient Financial Information forms to determine benefits/resources, prior to receiving mental health services	Approximately 5% of the clients, none is reported by DMH-Human Resources Bureau.	X				To ensure the Department is up to date on changing regulation, some training would be appreciated.	X	
Military and Veterans Affairs				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Museum of Art				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Natural History Museum	X	X	X	In conjunction with gaining admittance into the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits	Total use – 1 person in 2011.				X	Please keep informed if any other countries join the NCIC program.		X
Parks and Recreation	X			Soccer leagues.	175 for Soccer Leagues. It is not accepted as a form of ID for Live Scan/fingerprinting of volunteers	X	X	X	X	No		X
Probation	X			Visiting and release of detained minors. Adult intake, supervision and investigation process.	Probation does not track, but FCICs are presented very infrequently.				X	No		X
Public Defender				N/A	N/A				X	No		X
Public Health				N/A. Photo ID is not required for services provided at any of the public health centers, therefore patients are not asked to present any form of ID for services provided.	N/A				X	Some staff have indicated a need for training, although most have not.	X	
Public Health – South Health Center SPA 6	X			STD Clinic	In 2010 were presented with about 5-10 per month. The clinic was also presented with Salvadoran Consulate ID cards.				X	No	X	
Public Library	X	X	X	To obtain a library card.	Mexican Consulate ID: Since July 2002, the Public Library issued library cards to 10,271 people who presented the Mexican Consulate I.D. card. The Library issued 1,323 cards last fiscal year. Customers with these cards borrowed 80,679 items last fiscal year.				X	Annual survey allows libraries to review the program with the Community Library Managers.		X

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Public Library (cont.)					Argentine Consulate ID: Since August 2003, the Public Library issued library cards to 15 people who presented the Argentine Consulate I.D. card. The Library issued 4 new library cards last fiscal year. Customers with these library cards borrowed 21 items last fiscal year. Korean Consulate ID: Since July 2008, the Public Library issued a library card to 25 people who presented the Korean Consulate I.D. The Library issued 12 new library cards last fiscal year. Customers with these library cards borrowed 48 items last fiscal year.									
Public Social Services	X	X	X	When submitting applications for CalWORKs/Refugee, Medi-Cal, General Relief, and Food Stamps.	The number of persons who have presented FCICs is 66,822.				X	No.		X		
Public Works				N/A	N/A				X	No		X		
Regional Planning				N/A	N/A				X	No			X	
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	X	X	X	Marriage Licenses issuance, Check acceptance.	An average of 15 to 20 FCICs per day are presented.				X	No.		X		
Sheriff	X			The FCICs are accepted as proof of identity for the release of property, the citation or booking process, and the visitation of inmates in the County jails.	The use of FCICs is not tracked. A poll of all Sheriff's Department Units was conducted. FCICs from Mexico are seen on a regular basis. There were no reports of FCICs from Argentina or Korea. However, it is possible they have been seen by patrol deputies in the field.				X	No			X	
Sheriff - Men's Central Jail	X	X		Inmate visiting, inmate marriages.	No information.	X				We on a regular basis find fake Mexican Consulate I.D. cards. We have been told due to budget issues, some of the security measures have been cancelled. We have no access to check if I.D.s are valid, and the consulate is not open on weekends to check when we have visiting.	Access to check/confirm valid consulate I.D. without having to go through the consulate offices. Possibly include a fingerprint-based system.	Ongoing training is always appreciated.	X	

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Treasurer-Tax Collector	X			Bidder registration for the Public Auction of tax defaulted property. Immigration Clearance Letters..	We see less than 20 per year.				X	No.		X